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GMP INTRODUCES CUSTOMIZABLE CONTINUOUS DUCT RODDERS TO HANDLE EVERY DUCT WORK APPLICATION

OCTOBER 2008; Trevoise, PA – General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoise, PA, is pleased to introduce Continuous Duct Rodders to its complete line of underground cable placement tools and equipment. GMP Duct Rodders are the perfect tool for underground duct work tasks such as cleaning and locating ducts, threading lines, and pulling cables. GMP offers 1/4, 3/8, and 1/2 inch (6.7, 9, and 12 mm) thickness rodders in lengths that range from 100 to 1,200 feet (30 to 366 m), making them extremely functional. Besides providing easy rodder pay-out, these light-weight, highly-mobile carriers utilize nylon guide bushings to reduce abrasion and wear on the rod material.

The Duct Rodders are light weight, durable and corrosion resistant; and the bright orange colored fiberglass makes them highly visible even in the darkest work locations. The Duct Rodders' fiberglass rods are unaffected by harsh temperature changes and water, making them reliable tools in any environment. The leading-end of each rodder comes with a tapered male-threaded head; while the trailing end features a female-threaded fitting that provides for easy extension attachment. GMP also offers a broad selection of duct rodder accessories to expand on the versatility of the tool, including roller guides, swivel couplings, rod grapples, and sondes. For tough rodding applications GMP offers the Powered Duct Rod Pusher. The Powered Duct Rod Pusher is available for rental or purchase.

The Duct Rodders' fiberglass rods are formulated via a unique pultrusion process that produces unidirectional glass fibers with optimal fiber density of 80%. The fibers are fully impregnated in resin and then bi-axially wound with hi-strength filaments before being completely embedded in the orange polypropylene thermoplastic jacket. This means GMP Duct Rodders deliver long life and excellent handling without the inefficient characteristics associated with traditional pultrusion formulated rods.

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More information about this product is available online at gmptools.com/nf/89202.htm or by contacting Ted Clemens at 215-357-5500; info@GMPtools.com.

ABOUT GENERAL MACHINE PRODUCTS COMPANY

Preparing to celebrate 75 years of manufacturing and engineering excellence, General Machine Products Company, Inc., (GMP) is a global provider of a wide range of products for the telecommunications, power utility and cable television industries, and the contractors who serve them. Product applications include the placement of fiber optic, copper conductor, and coaxial cable both aerially and underground.

GMP aerial cable lashing machines, Adams® continuous duty winches and fiber optic cable pullers are accepted as the industry standard. The complete line of GMP's 1,100+ products also includes cable reels and aerial blocks, cable cutters, unique RJ plug pressing tools, fiber optic cable blowing equipment, and other specially-designed tools for the data, telecommunications, and power utility markets.

Our facilities include a 100,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Trevoze, PA, in suburban Philadelphia, and in Rutland, England (its CBS Products, Ltd. unit). Both facilities are equipped with a full complement of technologically advanced machine tools manned by a well-trained team of craftspeople.

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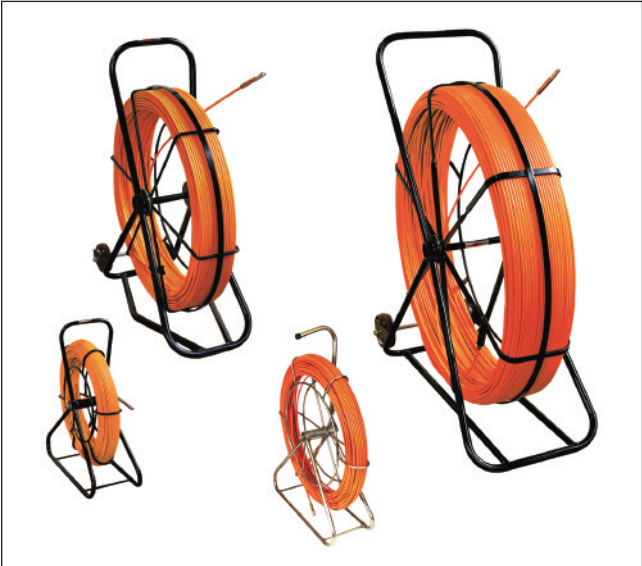


Photo Caption:
Continuous Duct Rodders, from General Machine Products Company, Inc., are offered in a variety of lengths and sizes, making them practical for any duct work application.